



ADVANCE PROGRAM

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT July – Sept 2011

**Submitted by Pact Nigeria
Cooperative Agreement #620-A-00-05-00096-00**

I. BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

A. Activity Summary

Implementing Partner: Pact, Inc.
Activity Name: Advocacy, Awareness, and Civic Empowerment (ADVANCE) Project
Activity Objectives: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms such as budget transparency, access to information, and judicial oversight Strengthened public-private partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives
USAID/Nigeria SO: SO11: Strengthened Foundations for Democratic Governance
Life of Activity (start and end dates): May 23, 2005 through March 31, 2012
Total Estimated Contract/Agreement Amount: \$\$12,173,848
Obligations to date: \$12,173,848
Current Pipeline Amount: \$ \$2,007,918 of which \$ \$971,502 is already obligated to sub grantees and other advances, therefore not available for any purpose; leaving an Effective Pipeline Amount of \$1,036,416
Accrued Expenditures this Quarter: \$ \$449,256.66
Activity Cumulative Accrued Expenditures to Date: \$ \$10,165,930 (or \$11,137,432 including sub-obligations)
Estimated Expenditures Next Quarter: \$1,216,201
Report Submitted by: Ahmed N Mohammed, Pact Nigeria Acting Country Director.

B. Summary of Outputs

Management outputs

Primary capacity building and grants/program management accomplishments this quarter include the following:

- Supported existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Completed technical support and mentoring of 15 partner CSOs (including the 5 PIND partners) and finalized proposals for the award of 15 new subgrants.
- Completed pre-award grant worthiness assessments of the remaining PIND partners were selected
- Monitoring, Evaluation, Report and Learning (MERL) training was conducted for ADVANCE partners
- Network and Coalition building training was conducted for ADVANCE partners
- Grants, Finance and Administration (GFA) training for ADVANCE-PIND partners

Program outputs

Program outputs are detailed in Section II. A quick summary of results from this quarter include:

- On-going Capacity development, monitoring and mentoring in terms of technical/mentoring support provided to partners who received new grants.
- 15 ADVANCE partners received new grants during the quarter of which 5 was awarded to ADVANCE/PIND partners
- Training of ADVANCE partners in Network and coalition building,
- Monitoring Evaluation, Reporting and learning training for ADVANCE partners
- Grants and finance training for ADVANCE/PIND Partners
- Resuscitation of Pact Nigeria ADVANCE Voices (newsletter)
- ADVANCE Partner, MRA chief executive, receive international commendation for passage of FOI bill at national level
- ADVANCE Partners, intensify engagement for passage of FOI bills in Lagos and Kaduna states
- Centre LSD, ADVANCE partner break new ground; expand space for citizens' engagement in oil rich Bayelsa budgetary process, invited by Bayelsa Government to make input into state budget 2012.
- CPPC partner commences work to simplify and widely disseminate NEITI audit report
- PPDC ADVANCE partner raises level of public procurement observation
- Completed the Pre-award assessment of all 7 shortlisted ADVANCE-PIND partner CSOs out of which 5 were finally selected
- Mentoring and Coaching on Finalizing of project proposals with individual Awardee Signing of award contracts with 4 partners (the 5th was concluded in early October)
- Negotiating and concluding on OCA Schedule with the 5 partners

C. Recent Programmatic Context

During this quarter Pact-ADVANCE partners commenced their new projects, a good number of which were focused on promoting participatory budgeting, transparent and accountable public expenditure management. Also the quarter was filled with policy advocacies visits/campaigns geared towards policy adoption and implementation. The activities for the quarter are below

Budget, Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Advocacy Context

Given that public budgets are instruments by which the government raise and allocate financial resources in any given society and a reflection of its priorities and developmental goals, citizen's participation in the budget process is therefore an important aspect of the process. It is in recognition of this vital aspect of the budget process and its complementarity with citizens' right to political participation that Pact Nigeria supported CSO partners' initiatives, mobilizing their respective communities for budget monitoring and tracking. This entails bringing members of a community together and empowering them with skills to monitor and track budget implementation as it relates to challenges in their community. Section 14(2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria recognizes the peoples' right to political participation.

No doubt, citizens' participation in budget and public expenditure monitoring is aimed at enthroning good governance through improved service delivery and reduction in wastages/corruption. Our partners' project initiatives on this issues engages with some key government policies aimed at promoting transparency and accountability in Nigeria's polity., This was therefore achievable through the use of instruments such as the Public Procurement law (PPL) and Fiscal Responsibility law (FRL) at both the federal and state levels.

A key feature of the FRL is that it linked policy with planning and budget through the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF). The MTEF contains information about income and expenditures projections for the next three financial years and an explanation of how previous income and expenditure projections performed. Through this medium, developmental goals are well laid out and its achievement progressively signposted with the accomplishment of activities linking up to the attainment of the goals. It is noteworthy to emphasize that the FRL mandates the preparing authority (Minister of Finance) to hold public hearing on the components of the MTEF. The PPL on the other hand lays out the procedure by which government implements its policies, programs and strategies i.e. procurement of public works, goods and services. It is important to note that no budget can be implemented without public procurement; as budget implementation entails the process of procuring works, goods and services that the Government requires for actualizing its vision for the nation's development and prosperity.

There have been increased public outcries about the quantum of money being spent to maintain Nigeria's civil service as well as the assembly men and women. In addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that except more money is budgeted to critical sectors; Nigeria is unlikely to meet the Millennium Developmental Goals. Also at the national level, civil society groups in reviewing the Fiscal Responsibility Act implementation have called for an amendment of the law. They say that the law as it is, permits the President to present the budget any time before December 31st and this is not expedient for ensuring effective and

efficient budgeting. In addition, the arrest of some former public office holders on allegation of mismanagement and embezzlement of funds has thrown up quite a number of challenges concerning our public expenditure and budgeting process at all levels of governance. For instance, how were such funds siphoned? Did such funds go through any budgeting process at all? What was the role played by the due process office? This obviously shows the budget process to be faulty.

At the state level, our partners continued to build capacity of civil society groups to sensitize and empower them to expand on existing space for engaging with governments towards increased participation, accountable and transparent public expenditure and budgeting process.

The CSOs intervention helped to demystify the concepts of fiscal responsibility and public procurement, and disseminated practical knowledge on the workings of the two laws and a clear understanding by the civic population of their roles in the implementation of the laws and the platform offered to them by these laws to determine their own future. As change agents, representatives of civil society were sensitized to mobilize their respective communities to determine their priorities and set the agenda for the development of their society.

Freedom of Information Context

In the last three months, there has been a flurry of activities directly linked to the passage of the Freedom of Information Act signed by President Good luck Jonathan. In this regard, there have been calls on the states to pass the bill to make governance, especially public finance expenditure, more transparent. Our partners, MRA and MULAC have remained in the eye of the storm with their efforts geared towards passage of the FOI bill at the state level. In addition, Pact Nigeria's partner, Media Rights Agenda (MRA) Executive Director (ED), Mr. Edet Ojo, has continued to receive commendations for spearheading the passage of the FOI Act at the national level. The last of such acclaims came from South Africa, where the MRA ED was given an award for this laudable feat. Also closely related to this is the total acceptance and attempt to fast track the implementation of the Act by Nigeria's Finance Minister, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala. On assumption of duty, she released Federal Government's allocations to the states. This action was well received by members of the public, who believed that this is a step in the right direction.

Budget Advocacy Context

There have been increased public outcries about the quantum of money being spent to maintain Nigeria's civil service as well as the assembly men and women. In addition, it is becoming increasingly clear that except more money is budgeted to critical sectors; Nigeria is unlikely to meet the Millennium Developmental Goals. Also at the national level, civil society groups in reviewing the Fiscal Responsibility Act implementation have called for an amendment of the law. They say that the law as it is, permits the President to present the budget any time before December 31st and this is not expedient for ensuring effective and efficient budgeting. In addition, the arrest of some former public office holders on allegation of mismanagement and embezzlement of funds has thrown up quite a number of challenges concerning our public expenditure and budgeting process at all levels of governance. For instance, how were such funds siphoned? Did such funds go through any budgeting process

at all? What was the role played by the due process office? This obviously shows the budget process to be faulty.

At the state level, our partners continued to build capacity of civil society groups to sensitize and empower them to expand on existing space for engaging with governments towards increased participation, accountable and transparent public expenditure and budgeting process.

II. QUARTER PROGRESS

A. Program Management

In continuation of Pact's commitment to developing and strengthening the capacity of its partners, Pact continued to provide the standard consistent mentoring, oversight, technical and financial support in program implementation and reporting to both existing and new sub grantees..

Regional/HQ Support

Pact Headquarters continued their usual support to Pact Nigeria through information sharing and advice on issues that have enhanced the management of the ADVANCE program in Nigeria. During the quarter, Katie Schwarm, Pact's Vice President for East and West Africa was in Nigeria to support Pacts effort in Institutional strengthening and development and ensuring effective implementation of all Pact's programs in Nigeria. In company of Ahmed Mohammed, the Pact Nigeira Acting Country Director, she paid a courtesy visit to the Mission, where she first met with the P-DG Team headed by the then Acting Team Leader (Adamu Igoche). Subsequently together with the P-DG Team, Katie met with Dr. Ray Kirkland, the then Mission Director..

Pact Headquarters also organized and sponsored the Global Financial Retreat meeting that was held in South Africa, from August 21 – 26, 2011. The Pact Nigeria Senior Finance Manager who attended shared some of the key accomplishments, success stories and lesson learned from the ADVANCE program in Nigeria. Best practices in financial programming from other country offices were shared amongst participants at the meeting. Knowledge and skills shared during the training in the area of financial programing is being used in enriching the effective management of ADVANCE program.

In addition, Pact Program Officer Emmanuel Lamptey was in Nigeria to support Pact programming and Retreat/Strategic Planning workshop. The retreat/strategic planning workshop focused on the development of a 3- year Nigeria country strategic plan.

Collaboration with USAID relevant IPs

During the quarter, Pact/ADVANCE engaged with USAID/NMEMSII in updating their Performance Reporting sheets (PRS) including quarter actual results for FY 2011 2nd and 3rd quarter. Pact ADVANCE also worked with them in confirming the ADVANCE indicators' data that was fed into the USAID/NMESII performance management database. Quarter 4 data will be uploaded on the PRS as soon as the quarterly report is submitted to the Mission..

The ADVANCE Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer also benefited from the USAID/NMEMSII Management for Results training held in Sokoto. The purpose of the

training was to keep ME&R officers of USAID-IP's abreast of MER issues and how they could manage information to achieve results.

Completion of Pre-award Assessments of ADVANCE- PIND Shortlisted Partners

It is worthy to note that the pre-award assessments of the 7 applicants commenced at the last week of last quarter and was completed finalized in July this quarter. This was followed up with the training of the shortlisted partners on Grants, Finance and Admin training, after which 5 partners were finally selected from the 7 based on the Mission's approval for the concurrence sent by Pact/ADVANCE.. The 5 qualified partner CSOs were Forward Africa (FOFA), Imo State; Community Initiatives for Enhanced Peace and Development (CIEPD), Rivers state; Antof Rural Resources Development Centre (ARRDEC), Akwa Ibom state; Nembe City Development Foundation (NCDF) and Bayelsa Non- Government Organisation Forum (BANGOF) all in Bayelsa State.

Mentoring of the Selected 15 Partner CSOs on finalizing their Project Proposals

After the assessment and training of the 7 shortlisted organizations, 5 organizations except numbers 6 and 7 above were selected for final award based on the outcomes of the pre-award assessment and level of participation in the training. These 5 organizations were fully engaged with mentoring and coaching in a participatory manner on finalizing their proposals to ensure that their project proposals are technically sound for funding.

Signing of Sub grants Awards Agreement with 15 ADVANCE Partners

The quarter also witnessed the award and signing of new sub grants award agreement with 15 partners. 10 of these are some of the existing partners while 5 are new partners for the PIND. Details of the partners and their projects are as reflected under General Portfolio Management section below.

General Portfolio Management

The ADVANCE sub grant portfolio as of this quarter cumulatively increased from 68 to 83 subprojects and the CSO partners increased from 32 to 37 as reported in the previous quarter. There are 15 on-going sub projects (MRA, ANEEJ, CITAD, CISLAC, Centre LSD, MULAC, PWYP, Platform, PPDC, FOFA, ARRDEC, CIEPD, BANGOF and NCDF). Below is a table indicating the CSO partners and their projects

S/N	Partner CSO	Project Title	Project Goal
1	African Centre for Leadership, Strategy & Development (Centre LSD), Abuja	Enhancing Citizens' Participation In The Budgetary Process In Bayelsa State	Increase the capacity of civil society for effective engagement with Bayelsa State Government through budget advocacy for participatory and right based budgeting.
2	Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ), Benin-City	Enhancing Transparency and Accountability in Resource management the extractive industries	Improve the capacity of relevant stakeholders to effectively engage with the Public Procurement Law and Fiscal Responsibility Law in Bayelsa

		in Bayelsa State	State
3	Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC), Abuja	Strengthening the NEITI Process through Enhanced Legislative Oversight	Enhance the capacity of the appropriate new Legislators to effectively intervene in the NEITI implementation processes for timely completion and dissemination of Audit Reports and implementation of remediation actions.
4	Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD), Kano	Promoting Transparent and Accountable Public Expenditure Management through Effective Implementation of the Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility acts in Bauchi State	Contribute to the promotion of transparent and accountable public expenditure management/system in Bauchi State through the effective implementation of the Fiscal Responsibility and Procurement Acts as well as enabled independent monitoring of implementation processes by mobilized CSOs and the citizens
5	Centre for Public Private Cooperation (CPPC), Ibadan	Analysing of the 2006-2008 NEITI Oil & Gas Audit Report and Economic Literacy Programs for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)	Provide an evidenced based platform for civil society to launch advocacy measures that seeks to promote transparency and accountability within the NEITI Oil and Gas sector, and to ensure informed and effective advocacy.
6	National Procurement Watch Platform (NPWP), Abuja (<i>but award to be made through CISLAC as the Secretariat since the Platform is not a registered entity</i>).	Strengthening Capacity of CSOs and the Media in Public Procurement Participation in Nigeria	Increase awareness on issues relating to public procurement in Nigeria through necessary trainings and advocacy to the Media, Bureau for Public Procurement and other governmental institutions
7	Media Rights Agenda (MRA), Lagos	Advocacy on Freedom of Information	Ensure that the enacted Freedom of Information Act signed by President Goodluck Jonathan is effectively implemented and that the implementation meets international minimum standards and best practices on Access to Information laws. Ensure the passage of FOI Bill/Domestication of FOI Act in Lagos State by the State House of Assembly and assent by the Governor
8	Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC), Kaduna	Making Governance more Participatory, Transparent and Accountable through Enhancing Information Flow in Kaduna State	Broaden the scope of engagement with the legislature and the executive arm of government towards the passage of the FOI Bill and enhancing participatory, transparent and accountable budgeting in Kaduna State.
9	Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC), Abuja	Sustained CSO Participation in Public Procurement Act Implementation in Nigeria (II).	Deepen the participation of Non State actors and stakeholders' engagement in the public procurement process in order to improve transparency, accountability and value for money.
10	Publish What You Pay Nigeria (PWYP), Abuja	Remedial Action DEMAND 2011 (READ 2011)	Contribute to enhanced implementation of recommendations from the NEITI 1999-2008 audit reports.
11	Forward Africa {FOFA}, Abia and Imo State	Strengthening Local Involvement in	strengthening grass root involvement in governance for economic growth

		Governance for Economic Growth and Development	and development in Imo and Abia states in the Niger Delta region
12	Antof Rural Resources Development Centre {ARRDEC} Akwa Ibom state	Improving Rural Community Member's Access to and Use of the FADAMA Grant in Five LGAs' plus Peaceful and equitable Socio Economic growth of the LGA's.	improving rural community members' access to and use of the FADAMA grant in the five LGAs for peaceful and equitable socio economic growth of the LGAs
13	Bayelsa Non- Government Organisation Forum {BANGOF} Bayelsa State.	Building Capacity Community, CSO's Professional Bodies, Trade Unions and media groups for partnership and Engagement of the BEITI and Budget process in 3 LGA's in Bayelsa	Building capacity of community institutions and the media to enhance Transparency and Accountability through popular participation by facilitating citizens' engagement in management of public resources in Bayelsa state.
14	Community Initiative for Enhanced Peace and Development {CEIPD} Rivers State.	River State Local Governance Development and Democratic discuss	Building norms, practices, mechanisms and cultures that will foster constructive participation and stronger democratic values at the local government level of governance.
15	Nembe City Development Foundation {NCDF} Bayelsa state.	Add their voice to the Budget, Equipping GMOU communities in Bayelsa with tracking and Advocacy Skill for SHELL and CHEVRON GMOU communities.	strengthening the mainstream community voice into budgeting processes of in Bayelsa state government and enhance their capacity to participate in budget monitoring and implementation both at the State and Local Government levels, which translates to sustainable improvement in public services delivery.

Subgrant Finances

During the reporting period, Pact ADVANCE continued to service the existing partners with ongoing projects and an additional sum of **\$212,459.51** was disbursed to some of these partners (ANEEJ, MULAC, , IMC, CISLAC, YPI, CITAD, CPPC, MRA, CISLAC 4 NPWP, and PPDC) some of whom had completed /new on-going projects. This brings the cumulative of disbursements/advances so far made for all sub grants as of the end of this quarter to **\$3,423,926.42** to date (up from \$3,211,466.91 in the previous quarter and excluding consultancies/in-kind sub grants). Of that amount, the sub grantees have expended and retired/liquidated a total of \$3,389, 136.23 to date (up from \$2,747,198.75 reported in the previous quarter, and excluding consultancies/in-kind sub grants). No expenditures this quarter on in-kind sub grants, thus the cumulative expenditures incurred on consultancies/in-kind sub grants remained at **\$555,952.82** (though mistakenly reported as \$522,555.61 in the last report) to date as reported in the previous quarter. Together, the cumulative grand total of expenditures at the end of this quarter, based on retirements/liquidations of sub grants including expenses from in-kind support and consultancies stands at **\$3,914,121.** (up from \$3,238,786.31 in the last quarter). Table 1 below provides a summary of current sub grant recipients (including those receiving in-kind support) along with each sub grantee's obligated amount, advances/disbursements, expenditures and balances as well as the status of their projects as of the end of this quarter, September 30, 2011.

TABLE 1: Summary of Status of ADVANCE Sub-grants and Consultancy (Advances and Actual Expenditures including Balance) as at End of Quarter 4 FY 11 (April to September 2011)

	Recipient	Start Date	End Date	Project Title	Focus	Advances/Disbursements, Actual Expenditures and Project Status					
						Obligated \$	Advances to Date (\$)		Expenditures on Advances to Date		Project Status
							Advances	Balance on	Expenditures	Balance	
1	PWYP	30-Mar-06	31-May-07	Publish What You Pay Campaign in Nigeria	Awareness and advocacy around the NEITI and ongoing oil industry audit process	\$140,051.18	\$140,051.18	-	\$140,051.18	-	Terminated
2	MRA	30-Mar-06	31-Jul-07	Advocacy on Freedom of Information Bill	Freedom of Information Bill (Legislative /Executive advocacy for the final stages of passage/implementation planning	\$120,605.53	\$120,605.53	-	\$120,605.53	(0.00)	Closed
3	IPC	30-Mar-06	31-Jan-08	Media Strengthening for Reporting on Corruption and Policy Reform	Media audit and capacity building for increased effectiveness of CSOs in using the media for awareness on anti-corruption, trafficking, & budget monitoring	\$100,393.82	\$100,393.82	-	\$100,393.82	(0.00)	Closed
4	WOTCLEF	30-Mar-06	30-Jun-07	Public Awareness and Advocacy on Trafficking in Women and Children (Kano, Osun and Cross River States)	Increased awareness, public support and advocacy for more effective policies and enforcement of anti-trafficking laws.	\$85,065.49	\$85,065.49	-	\$85,065.49	0.00	Closed
5	CISLAC	20-Sep-06	30-Sep-07	Strengthening Civil Society Engagement of the Legislative Process through Targeted Policies	Legislative Advocacy & Tracking of Targeted Bills at NASS	\$157,419.48	\$157,419.48	0.00	\$157,419.47	0.00	Closed
6	Action Aid Int'l Nig	15-Aug-06	22-Feb-10	CSO Budget Monitoring & Tracking	National & Focal State	\$820,701.60	\$820,701.60	-	\$820,701.60	-	Closed
7	JDPC/ACE	1-Nov-06	31-Dec-06	Voter Registration Monitoring in 15 states across all the 6 Geo-Political Zones of Nigeria	Voter Registration and Oversight of INEC	\$57,729.19	\$57,729.19	-	\$57,729.19	-	Closed
8	CITAD	9-Feb-07	30-May-07	Voter Education Program	Civic Education (Elections) including training of CBOs on voter education; distribution of voter education materials; voter education advocacy visits to traditional rulers and religious leaders; and conduct of voter education forums at grassroots level in	\$27,789.91	\$27,789.91	-	\$27,789.91	-	Closed
9	MULAC	1-Feb-07	30-Apr-07	Right to Vote	Civic Education (Elections) including public awareness lectures for Islamiyya & Conventional schools; Seminar for Imams & Muslim clerics plus public enlightenment & education on the right to vote in 5 States (Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Sokoto and Niger) in th	\$18,500.31	\$18,500.31	-	\$18,500.31	-	Closed
10	ACE	1-Mar-07	30-Nov-07	INEC Oversight and Stakeholder Advocacy. However, project scope increased to include National Peoples' Tribunal on 2007 Elections	Civic Education (Elections) including tracking & reporting of election s activities in some national dailies; advocacy visits to some stakeholders; conduct of town hall meetings with road transport unions & okada riders associations; & production & airing	\$116,001.95	\$116,001.95	-	\$116,001.95	0.00	Closed
11	FOMWAN	8-Mar-07	30-Apr-07	Voter Sensitization for Increased Participation & Protection of Mandate at Mosques, Churches, & Market Arenas	Civic Education (Elections) including advocacy visits to state media; road shows on voter education; and radio dialogues in 5 Targeted States (Kogi, Nassarawa, Kano, Niger and Kwara) in the northern part of Nigeria	\$62,192.76	\$62,192.76	-	\$62,192.76	(0.00)	Closed
12	ZCC	27-Mar-07	31-Jul-07	Engaging the Processes of EFCC Amendment Act in Nigeria	Citizen Participation and Oversight including National summit on the passage of EFCC amendment Act; advocacy visits to chairman of Good Governance group in the House of Representatives & to the House ad-hoc committee; and press conference.	\$28,305.88	\$28,305.88	-	\$28,305.88	-	Closed
13	AAN	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Strengthening Capacity of CSOs in HIV Budget Tracking & Improving Transparency in Resource Allocation for Effective Service Delivery in the	Civic Participation and Oversight- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	\$48,320.81	\$48,320.81	-	\$48,320.81	-	Closed
14	CIRDDOC	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Enabling CSOs to Monitor Government Spending on Education in Rivers State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Primary Education Budget Tracking & Oversight	\$35,671.40	\$35,671.40	-	\$35,671.40	-	Closed
15	JDPC, Ijebu-Ode	1-May-07	30-Sep-08	Enhancing CS Capacity to Engage the Public Budget Process through the Drawing of Shadow Budgets in Lagos State	Civic Participation and Oversight- Education & Agriculture Budget Tracking & Oversight	\$46,537.22	\$46,537.22	-	\$46,537.22	-	Closed
16	GISHAN	1-May-07	30-Aug-08	Enhancing Capacity of CSOs in HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Monitoring of Allocation of Resource & Oversight expenditures for attaining MDG in HIV/AIDS in	Civic Participation and Oversight- HIV/AIDS Budget Tracking & Oversight	\$49,946.27	\$47,524.61	2,421.66	\$44,961.23	2,563.38	Completed
17	ERA	19-Sep-07	12-Aug-08	Local Empowerment and good governance in Edo/Delta states, South south Zone of Nigeria	Conduct of Survey Research on NEITI process & practice including its Act, publication (e-copy) and dissemination of report; conduct of environmental parliament on NEITI; and advocacy campaign on expanding the mandate of NEITI.	\$34,888.73	\$34,888.73	-	\$34,888.73	-	Closed
18	CASS	19-Sep-07	18-Sep-08	Oil revenue transparency and civic oversight of the NEITI process in Rivers/Bayelsa states, as well as national perception survey in some targeted states in the remaining 5 geopolitical zones in Nigeria.	Desk research on effectiveness of NEITI at State and LGA level; FGD in each state; conduct of 3 capacity building / dissemination workshops for CSOs; and conduct of enlightenment Forums at grassroots level by trained CSOs; Conduct National Perception Surv	\$86,526.69	\$90,095.49	(3,568.80)	\$91,670.20	(1,574.71)	Completed
19	ABGREMO	19-Sep-07	31-May-08	Legislative Advocacy & Capacity Building for CSOs on oil revenue transparency in Akwa Ibom and Cross river state	Legislative Advocacy and Capacity Building for Civil Society Organizations on Oil Revenue Transparency in Akwa Ibom, and Cross River States of Nigeria.	\$35,140.61	\$35,140.61	-	\$35,140.61	-	Closed
20	WANGONeT	19-Sep-07	2/29/2009	Capacity Building for CSOs on oil Revenue Transparency and Civic oversight of the NEITI process in Nigeria	Conduct of Training on Extractive Revenues Transparency and Oil Sector Audit to address the identified gaps by CPPC.	\$27,136.22	\$23,637.79	3,498.43	\$18,062.12	5,575.67	Completed
21	ZCC	1-Feb-08	31-Mar-09	Production of citizens guide to information and process of NEITI as well as engaging government of Nigeria on NEITI audit report	produce a Citizen's Guide to Information & Processes of the NEITI, carryout Legislative/Policy Advocacy on NEITI Audit Process and hold a stakeholder review & dissemination of audit report	\$40,026.94	\$40,026.94	-	\$40,026.94	-	Closed
22	MULAC	24-Jan-08	18-Apr-08	Promoting Muslim Participation in Electoral reform process in Nigeria	Engagement with electoral reform committee	\$9,751.08	\$9,751.08	-	\$9,751.08	-	Closed
23	ACE	14-May-08	30-Jul-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Support Performing Musicians Association of Nigeria and the Association of Professional Bodies in Nigeria to provide input to the ERC	\$29,317.52	\$29,317.52	-	\$29,317.52	-	Closed
24	NBA	15-May-08	31-Oct-08	Consultation on the Electoral Reform	Holding a roundtable with members on electoral reforms and drafting of mentioned policy documents.	\$29,952.91	\$29,388.89	564.02	\$27,498.29	1,890.60	Completed
25	CPPC	26-Jun-08	30-Dec-08	Empowerment of CSOs in Analysing the NEITI Audit and Processes	Assessment of the capacity of CSO/NGOs currently engaged in, or are interested in audit process and NEITI/Oil Revenue budget performance monitoring and evaluation for WANGONET to use and train CSOs; and development and production of a reference manual on	\$31,473.04	\$31,473.04	-	\$31,473.04	-	Closed
26	CPPC	26-Jun-08	30-Nov-08	Civil Society Engagement of Government on Oil Revenue Transparency and Civic Oversight of the NEITI Process	Provision of regular technical support on NEITI Act Implementation to NASS Legislators and their support staff, through relevant Committees & Stakeholder review meeting on NEITI Act.	\$25,419.53	\$25,419.53	-	\$25,419.53	-	Closed
27	CISLAC	27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08		Stakeholder consultation on electoral reform to develop	\$9,478.29	\$9,478.29	-	\$9,478.29	-	Closed
28	FOMWAN	27-Jun-08	30-Sep-08			\$27,967.42	\$27,967.42	-	\$27,967.42	-	Closed
29	CISLAC	19-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Engaging the legislature and NEITI Secretariate to deepen NEITI Act implementation	Enhance Effective implementation of the NEITI Act in Nigeria	\$21,072.11		-		-	Closed
30	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09	Strengthen the capacity of CSOs in tracking health and HIV budget to improve transparency in resource allocation for the effective service delivery in the prevention and treatment of HIV in	To increase participation of non stateactors in the budget process in Lagos state	\$21,072.11	\$21,072.11		\$21,072.11		Closed
31	AAN	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09			\$22,018.77	\$22,018.77	-	\$22,018.77	-	Closed

				Enabling CSO's to monitor government spending on Education in Rivers state	To consolidate on the achievements of the previous project towards increasing access to education budget in Rivers state	\$22,018.77	\$22,018.77	-	\$22,018.77	-	Closed
30	CIRDDOC	1-Jul-09	31-Dec-09								
						\$14,749.72	\$14,749.72	-	\$14,749.72	-	Closed
31	JDPC	9-Jun-09	31-Dec-09	Making Public Budget work for the Masses Through CSO engagement of the Agricultural and Education Budgetary provisions in Lagos state	Strengthen capacity of CSO for effective involvement in the budget process as a way of promoting good governance and public service delivery						
						\$27,073.74	\$27,073.74	-	\$27,073.74	-	Closed
32	PPDC	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	CSO participation in Public Procurement Act Implementation in Nigeria	To promote accountability, transparency and popular participation in the Nigerian Public Procurement system						
						\$29,624.00	\$27,122.97	2,501.03	\$26,768.86	354.11	Completed
33	CISLAC for NPWP	7-Aug-09	28-Feb-10	Improved Citizens Participation in Public Procurement in Nigeria	To promote accountability, transparency and popular participation in the Nigerian Public Procurement system						
							\$29,018.62	(8.70)	\$29,018.62	-	Closed
34	CPPC	7-Aug-09	30-Nov-09	Analyzing the 2005 NEITI Audit Report Processes and Findings For CSOs	To initiate a process that would help empower adequately the Nigerian CSO/NGOs community in effective audit-based processing and advocacy in the nation's extractive industry.	\$ 29,009.92					
							\$16,633.30	-	\$16,633.30	-	Closed
35	MULAC	30-Sep-09	31-Jan-10	Creating Pressure from Religious groups for passage of the FOI bill	Sensitize Muslim groups to engage with their representatives at the NASS with the view to pass the FOI Bill into law	\$ 16,633.30					
36	IMC	10-Jun-09	30-Nov-09	Capacity Building of IMC, via systems development	Enhance the capacity of Imc	\$ 27,975.12	\$27,975.12	-	\$27,975.12	-	Closed
37	IMC	1-Apr-10	31-Dec-10	Enhancing The Capacity of Interfaith Mediation Centre	Further capacity enhancement of IMC plus advocacy to NYSC on	\$ 64,962.00	\$ 64,241.63	720.37	\$ 58,565.91	5,675.72	Completed
38	MRA	1-Apr-10	30-Nov-10	Freedom of Information Advocacy 2010	Advocacy on passage of FOIB at National level and in Lagos State	\$ 65,508.00	\$ 65,562.43	(54.43)	\$ 41,933.56	23,628.87	Completed
39	MULAC	12-Apr-10	31-Aug-10	Creating Pressure from Religious Group for The	Advocacy on passage of FOIB at National level and in Kaduna State	\$ 25,267.00	\$ 27,316.25	(2,049.25)	\$ 26,635.64	680.61	Completed
40	ZCC	15-Apr-10	14-Sep-10	Promoting Popular Engagement of the NEITI Process.	Advocacy on NEITI Audit remediation	\$ 37,666.66	\$ 38,462.97	(796.31)	\$ 35,840.68	2,622.29	Completed
41	PPDC	1-May-10	31-Dec-10	Sustained CSO Participation in Public Procurement Act	Implementation of PPA	\$ 149,365.00	\$ 147,019.34	2,345.66	\$ 105,092.90	41,926.44	Completed
42	CIRDDOC	6-Jan-10	15-Dec-10	Supporting CSOs to influence primary education	Budget advocacy and tracking in Rivers State	\$ 29,990.00	\$ 30,200.68	(210.68)	\$ 28,255.59	1,945.09	Completed
43	JDPC	1-Jun-10	31-Dec-10	Monitoring And Influencing Lagos State Education	Budget advocacy and tracking in Lagos State	\$ 11,746.67	\$ 11,746.67	-	\$ 10,743.87	1,002.80	Completed
44	CISLAC	21-Jun-10	30-Nov-10	Strengthening Legislative Oversight and Civil Society	Legislative advocacy on NEITI	\$ 97,629.33	\$ 94,418.42	3,210.91	\$ 95,810.01	(1,391.59)	Completed
45	CSACEFA	10-Aug-10	30-Sep-10	Monitoring and Enhancing Civil Society Participation in	Primary education Budget advocacy and tracking at national level	\$ 29,870.60	\$ 29,316.87	553.73	\$ 30,374.76	(1,057.89)	Completed
46	ANEEJ	11-Mar-11	10-May-11	Public Budgetary Process as a means of poverty	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$ 33,215.00	\$ 32,576.41	638.59	\$ 12,367.88	20,208.53	Completed
47	CISLAC	17-Mar-11	16-May-11	Enhancing the Credibility of the Electoral Process	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$32,993.33	\$ 26,293.33	6,700.00	\$ -	26,293.33	Open
48	IMC	13-Mar-11	14-May-11	Training and Observation of 2011 Elections in Bauchi	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$35,803.33	\$ 33,507.93	2,295.40	\$ 27,529.91	5,978.02	Completed
49	MULAC	9-Mar-11	8-May-11	Towards Ensuring Credible Elections in Kaduna and	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$33,833.00	\$ 32,561.41	1,271.59	\$ 34,095.23	(1,533.82)	Completed
50	Centre LSD	14-Mar-11	13-May-11	Election Observation in Imo and Delta states of	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$ 29,973.16	\$ 29,341.26	631.90	\$ 22,263.17	7,078.09	Completed
				Working with Youths for Elections Observation and Reporting in Cross River & Akwa Ibom States (WISE)	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$33,379.99	\$ 26,599.99	6,780.00	\$ 31,517.31	(4,917.32)	Open
51	YPI	17-Mar-11	16-May-11	Promoting Credible Elections in Nigeria Through	Training domestic election observers, depoloyment of observers and hosting of coordinating committee's meetings and press conference	\$54,105.33	\$ 47,832.00	6,273.33	\$ -	47,832.00	Open
52	ZCC	21-Mar-11	20-May-11	Citizens Observation of the 2011 Elections							
				Building Confidence in the 2011 Election through				5,613.33		1,672.66	
53	CITAD	17-Mar-11	16-May-11	Election Observation (Jigawa and Yobe States)	Training domestic election observers and depoloyment of observers	\$ 33,776.00	\$ 28,162.67		\$ 26,490.01		Open
54	FOFA	Sept 14,2011	Feb 13,2012	Strengthening Local Involvement in Governance for Economic Growth and Development	strengthening grass root involvement in governance for economic growth and development in Imo and Abia states in the Niger Delta region	\$59,978.29					ongoing
55	NCDF	Sept 30,2011	Feb 28,2012	Add their voice to the Budget, Equipping GMOU communities with budget tracking and Advocacy skills for SHELL and CHEVRON GMOU communities.	Strengthening the mainstream community voice into budgeting processes in Bayelsa State Government, and enhance their capacity to participate in budget monitoring and implementation, both at the State and Local Government levels. Which translates to sustain	\$59,588.79					ongoing
	Total					\$3,409,119.94	\$3,250,221.08	39,331.78	\$3,063,768.19	186,452.89	

3	JONAPWD	Saturday, March 01, 2008	Monday, March 31, 2008	Disabled Engaging the Politicians & INEC for 2007 Elections	19,519.99	19,519.99	-	Closed
4	PPDC	Thursday, April 10, 2008	Monday, June 30, 2008	PPDC Procurement Watch program	20,292.84	20,292.84	-	Closed
5	PWYP	Wednesday, December 10, 2008	Wednesday, December 31, 2008	Annual General Meeting: PWYP	13,090.77	13,090.77	-	Closed
6	PWYP	Monday, March 15, 2010	Tuesday, November 30, 2010		49,738.00	45,809.73	3,928.27	Open
7	JDPC	Tuesday, June 01, 2010	Friday, December 31, 2010		17,672.00	14,509.37	3,162.63	Open
8	ARRDEC	September 21st, 2011	February 20th, 2012	Improving Rural Community Members' Access to and Use of the FADAMA Grant in Five LGAs in Akwa Ibom State for Peaceful and Sustainable Socio-Economic Growth	59,931.03		59,931.03	ongoing
9	BANGOF	September 22nd, 2011	February 21st, 2012	Building Capacity of Community, CSOs, Professional Bodies, Trade Unions and Media Groups for Partnership and Engagement of the Rivers State Local Governance	59,837.93		59,837.93	ongoing
10	CIEPD	September 25th, 2011	February 24th, 2012	Development and Democratic	59,853.79		59,853.79	ongoing
	Total				560,879.89	493,857.96	7,090.90	

B. Programmatic Results

The ADVANCE program has three primary objectives:

Objective ONE: Strengthened Civil Society Organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management

Objective TWO: Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key policy reforms and civic participation, including in electoral processes

Objective THREE: Strengthened Civil Society/Government partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives

During the reporting period, significant progress was made under each of the key ADVANCE program objectives. Programmatic results are thus elaborated below.

Objective 1: Strengthened civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management

In this quarter, a total of 15 partner CSOs including existing and new ones were assisted through mentoring to fine tune and finalize their proposals to meet Pacts standard and USAID requirements for grant making so as to access Pact's funding. The existing partner CSOs are MRA, CITAD, MULAC, CPPC, PPDC, Centre LSD, CISLAC, ANEEJ, PWYP, and NPWP. The new ones are the 5 selected ADVANCE-PIND partner CSOs, namely; FOFA, CEIPD, ARRDEC, BAGOF and Nambe City Foundation. These are all grassroots organizations based in the South-South otherwise known as Nigeria's oil rich Niger/Delta region.

Also the quarter witnessed the continuous consolidation of capacity development activities already undertaken with the PPCD secretariat and 3 of the consortium partners (New Nigeria Foundation –NNF, Niger Delta Professionals for Development – NIDPRODEV and Morgan Smart Development Foundation – MSDF) as well as deployment of capacity development tools to meet the needs of the latest addition to the consortium (Accord for Community Development). In addition, different activities were also undertaken in line with the particular needs of the PPCD Project Office and or particular Consortium NGO.

Other ADVANCE partners also benefitted from series of trainings that were organized and facilitated by Pact/ADVANCE as well as some targeted mentoring/coaching during the quarter. Below are the specific training and mentoring/coaching activities.

Training Activities:

Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Learning Training for ADVANCE/Partners

Increased Civil Society Capacity for Effective Advocacy is a sub-intermediate result being targeted under the ADVANCE program, and one of the indicators identified for measuring this result is Number of Persons Trained (disaggregated by gender). A key underlying assumption in the ADVANCE development hypothesis is that an empowered and vibrant civil society is sine qua non to the entrenchment of an open, responsive and participatory democracy. As part of Pact's ongoing efforts at empowering civil society in Nigeria, the ADVANCE program held a 3-day Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting & Learning (MERL) training for its CSO partners. The training served as a building blocks as envisioned under the ADVANCE program, which would contribute to the achievement of an empowered and virile civil society, capable of effectively engaging with the government. The training took place on July 13-15, 2011 at the Immaculate Suites & Apartments Abuja, and had 19 participants (12 males, 7 females) in attendance.

The training was conducted using the PowerPoint presentation methodology interspersed with regular interventions from the facilitation team as well as participants' contributions and questions. The training was modeled in a participatory fashion, with session facilitators making presentations, whilst giving participants opportunities to ask questions at intervals, teasing out further issues deserving of clarifications. There was also room for lots of group work during the break out session.

Participants were taken through principles and purposes of Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting, Results based MER, Indicators, Monitoring Good governance, Evaluation and Reporting. The participants were guided through the various sessions. One key distinction between Monitoring and Evaluation, which stood out clearly from one of the sessions was that whereas Monitoring tracks the Efficiency of a program or project, Evaluation assesses its Effectiveness. Efficiency measures how productively inputs (money, time, equipment, personnel, etc) were used in the creation of outputs (products, outcomes, results), whilst Effectiveness measures the degree to which results / objectives have been achieved. An efficient organization, it was clarified to them, is one that achieves its objectives with the wisest expenditure of resources. Care was taken to point out that "cheapest" does not necessarily mean "wisest." An effective organization, on the other hand, is one that achieves its results and objectives.

At the end of the presentation, participants had a practical session where they were guided through Audience Identification using a template provided to them. They developed a matrix showing who their possible organizational or project stakeholders could be; what manner of

The Performance measurement methodology used in the training workshop was the pre-test/post-test, which sought to gauge the level of participants' appreciation of the issues prior to the training and juxtaposing it with their performance rating after the training.

Overall, the training was a huge success by all standards, and has definitely had the desired outcome of enhancing participants' knowledge and appreciation of MERL issues.

Grants, Finance and Admin (GFA) Training for Shortlisted Civil Society Organizations

Seven (7) shortlisted organizations were invited to participate in the GFA training that was held in Abuja from 12th to 15th July, 2011. The purpose of the training was to develop participants capacity in managing funds received from Pact/USAID. The training was designed in line with Pacts objective of strengthening civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective and efficient program and financial management.

Two representatives (Executive Director and Finance Officer/Accountant) of each of the seven organizations were trained on grants, finance/administration of grants award in preparation of the proposed award to be made to each of the five organizations to be finally selected for the award. The training was well attended and had a total of 18 participants (9male and 9females) in attendance.

Networking and Coalition Building Training for ADVANCE Partners

In contribution to continually strengthening the programming capacity of Pact ADVANCE partners, a 3-day Networking and Coalition building training for some partner CSOs most of which are networks/coalitions, was organized by Pact/ADVANCE. The training kicked off on the 23rd of August and ran through 26th August 2011 at the Asaa Pyramid Hotel Kaduna. With 30 Participants (23 Male 7Female) from 8 networks across Nigeria were in attendance, the training was geared towards the achievement of the following objectives:

- Enhanced knowledge of how to manage sustainable and effective networks for change;
- Discussed and shared best practices and promising approaches for managing successful networks;
- Examined their own networks, identified successes and challenges, and developed action plans for the next six months; and
- Co-created a plan for monitoring change in their networks over time

The training was also demand-driven and based on the actual needs identified during the re-OCA carried out in 2008 for some of these partners. The training commenced with a lot of expectations and fears from the participants as expressed by them on post-it sticker. Expectations cuts across insight to networking and coalition building to enhanced knowledge on the topic. However, there were broad spectrum of fears expressed by participants; these include limitation of time to address the subjects-Networking and Coalition Building.

The training was able to address specific issues on Network definitions, Typologies of Networks, Network governance, communication, shared vision. The facilitating team played a strategic role in guiding and co creating plan for monitoring changes in networks over time. It was participatory and facilitated by Pact in Nigeria staff and Matt Revees, the Global Director, Capacity Development, Pact world.

At the end of the three days training, participant's knowledge on how to manage sustainable and effective networks was enhanced, best practices and promising approaches to managing networks were discussed and a consensus was reached on application of such best practices. Also participants were provided the opportunity to examine their own networks, identify challenges and successes, as well as develop an action plan for their respective networks.

The training closed with presentation of certificates and E- materials in CDs that will further aid participants in their further work on Networking and Coalition Building.

Targeted Mentoring/Coaching Activities:

Partnership for Participatory Community Development (PPCD)

In continuation of Pact/ADVANCE's objective of strengthening civil society organization (CSO) capacity for effective program and financial management, ADVANCE through the Senior Civil Society Specialist (SCSS) provided some mentoring support to the PPCD Project Office by meeting with Prof. Femi Ajibola, Chairman of the PPCD Project Planning Committee on the project's programming and administration. An agenda for the project secretariat to ensure that the recommendations of the 2010 PPCD project assessment workshop, which was facilitated in December the 2010 to assess the progress of project implementation were fully being implemented.. Mentoring support was also provided to the project office on preparations towards developing work-plan and working documents for the 2011 Global Memorandum of Understanding (GMoU) participatory Evaluation process which would be managed by New Nigeria Foundation through the Partnerships for Participatory Community Development (PPCD) starting from next quarter.

Pact/ADVANCE SCSS facilitated a 4-day Planning workshop for the participatory evaluation of the GMoU for PPCD, which was held in Warri during the last days of the quarter and was attended by participants from Chevron Nigeria Limited, governments of 4 Niger Delta States- Bayelsa, Delta, Imo and Ondo, the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC), the Consortium partners – NNF, NIDPRODEV, MSDF and Accord and the eight Regional Development Councils of Itshekiri, Egbema Gbaramatu, Ilaje, Kula, Idama, Dodo River, KEFFEES and Jisike. In conclusion Pact ADVANCE SCSS also provided mentoring and coaching support to the PPCD project Manager on a number of project related issues including managing staff and meeting project targets.

Monitoring visit to Interfaith Mediation Center (IMC), ANEEJ MRA and MULAC

During the quarter the Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) Officer unit of the Pact/ADVANCE conducted visits to IMC, ANEEJ, MRA and MULAC. The purpose of the visit was to identify gaps and ensure that partners complied with what was agreed in the approved work plan. The visit was also to validate data that were provided and also see if IMC complied with the previous grant it got from Pact and also begin to prepare the Centre ahead of the proposal the Centre sent to the Mission. The visit provided Pact the opportunity to identify gaps and quickly begin to mentor and coach the partners on ways of improving on the identified gaps. The MER Officer was accompanied by the Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing Officer in the visits to ANEEJ and MRA.

New Nigeria Foundation (NNF)

Within the quarter, Pact ADVANCE SCSS provided NNF with programme and organizational support on an on-going basis. Pact ADVANCE continued to build strong relationship with PPCD and the lead of the consortium NGOs through Prof. Ajibola, its Managing Director and Chair of the PPCD Planning Committee and programme staff of the Foundation.

Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIPRODEV)

Pact/ADVANCE through the SCSS participated in NIDPRODEV's training on the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPSHR). The training looked at the issues of human rights in the Oil sector especially with regard to how security personnel relate with employees, communities and service provider. It was also used to introduce Chevron's Human Rights Policy to its security personnel. Pact ADVANCE SCSS provided facilitation support on some of the training topics, such as Chevron Human Rights Policy, 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFRN) and Human Rights Violations/Abuses. Pact ADVANCE through the SCSS also maintained open communication with the Managing Director of NIDPRODEV, Joel Bisina and programme and administrative staff of the organization on Proposal development for civil society engagement of the Amnesty Programme of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The final proposal was submitted to the Office of the Special Adviser on Amnesty Programme. The proposal seeks to provide a multi stakeholder platform for ensuring ongoing civil society in-put into the process. NIDPRODEV was also mentored in the area of office Administration and Managing Staff Conflict.

Morgan Smart Development Foundation's (MSDF)

During the quarter, Pact/ADVANCE through the SCSS provided support to worked on Morgan Smart Development Foundation (MSDF) on their Strategic Plan Retreat. The retreat was initially planned for the previous quarter. The draft 3- year plan from the retreat is being finalized for further processing before being adopted

Accord for Community Development (ACCORD)

Accord for Community Development (ACCORD) is the late entrance into PPCD consortium and this therefore means that they are quite behind on a number of issues and need more attention before their OCA planned for the later part of the project. Pact/ADVANCE through the SCSS held a two-day meeting with the management and staff of Accord to discuss in-house their specific capacity needs.. At the end of the brainstorming meeting/seminar ACCORD prioritized the following as most top on their capacity development list:

- a. Project Management
- b. Report Writing
- c. Strategic Planning

While the strategic planning session was tentatively scheduled for November, 2011, it was agreed that all the others on the list inclusive of any other key needs that may later come up should happen in-between now and the Strategic Plan session. The Pact ADVANCE SCSS also had discussion with ACCORD on their administrative processes and procedures and

assured them of visiting with Pact Nigeria's Administration Officer at a later date to deal with the identified gaps.

Negotiation and Conclusion of Organizational Capacity Assessment (OCA) Schedule with Partners

Finally the quarter was also used to conclude schedule for the organizational capacity assessment (OCA) of the 5 partners awarded sub-grants. The OCA will be conducted early next quarter.

Objective 2: Increased CSO capacity for effective advocacy for key Policy Reforms and Civic Participation

During the quarter under review, Pact/ADVANCE partner CSOs in implementing their projects, carried out series of advocacy activities. . While CITAD, Centre LSD and MULAC carried out budget related program activities, the others (PWYP, NPWP, ANEEJ and PPDC) programmed on improving the Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility process at both national and state levels others (MRA, CISLAC, MULAC, ANEEJ and CPPC) engaged with the FOI Act, NEITI and PIB reforms. The programming activities by each of the partners are as follows:

Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC)

During the quarter, the Muslim League for Accountability (MULAC) with support from Pact/ADVANCE held four program activities on Participatory Budgeting, raising awareness and building support for the passage of the Freedom of Information bill in Kaduna State.

1. Familiarization Meeting for Project Team

Usually, MULAC starts its project activities by conducting a one-day familiarization meeting. On 15th of August 2011 MULAC did same by bringing together project staffs and 10 representatives from other MULAC network organizations. Five project staffs were in attendance. MULAC Executive Director, Mallam Arigassiyu Yusuf, took participants through the approved proposal. Thereafter, a team was chosen from among MULAC to man the project. Each person's role and responsibility was well spelt out to ensure a hitch free programming period. Participants also discussed the objectives of each activity as well as the outcome and modalities for ensuring that project goals and objectives were met. Members of the project team pledged to work assiduously towards ensuring the success of all program activities.

2. Sensitization Meeting on Participatory Budgeting

MULAC on 10th of September, 2011 organized a one-day Sensitization Meeting on Participatory Budget and the Role of Civil Society Organizations in Kaduna State. The meeting was also designed to support and sensitize CSO's to actively engage government through advocacy. The objective of the program was to create awareness and improve understanding of the benefits of participatory budgeting. The meeting also sought to build a broad based support for entrenchment of inclusive

budgeting as a means of ensuring that the people received value for money and appreciated democratic dividends. It was an avenue for stakeholders to understand the concept of participatory budgeting and also to build consensus among media practitioners, the academia, religious leaders and other civil society groups on how best to motivate Kaduna State Government to implement an open and participatory budget process in 2012 and beyond. A total of 46 participants' 37 males of which 2 were disable and 9 females attended the event. Participants were drawn from 32 different civil society organizations including the marginalized groups such as youth, women, Islamic and disabled from Kaduna state. The event took the format of paper presentations and interactive session while a communiqué was also produced, which articulated the stand of participants on the need for increased openness and inclusiveness in the state's public expenditure and budgetary process.

Facilitators at the meeting provided features of participatory budgeting, called for closer budget reviews among CSOs as well as increased advocacy to state actors to use the budget to meet community needs and reduce poverty, enhanced understanding of the public finance expenditure process and improved skills in advocating for transparency in governance. Religion was also said to be a good approach to holding leaders accountable and to open up space for deeper and more meaningful CSO participation in the budgetary process if used in a positive manner.

3. Sensitization workshop for legislative Aides on FOI in Kaduna

In furtherance of its efforts to get the FOI bill passed in the state, MULAC held a one day sensitization meeting with Kaduna State House of Assembly legislative aides on the Freedom of Information Bill. The event was held in Kaduna on the 20th of September 2011 with the aim of sensitizing the aides of their expected roles in creating the right platform to assist their principals in the passage of the Freedom of Information bill into Law. The workshop was designed to also assist participants in developing their capacity in discharging their functions as legislative aides. Forty-three participants (40 males and 3 females), mainly legislative aides from the Kaduna State House of Assembly were in attendance. Emmanuel Lamptey, Program Officer, Pact Washington delivered a goodwill message on behalf of Acting Country Representative, Mallam Ahmed Mohammed. He lauded MULAC for its foresight in mobilizing CSOs towards the passage of the Freedom of Information bill in the state. Pact Nigeria sees this effort as being very important to the enthronement of democracy and the delivery of democratic dividends to the people, he said and encouraged the legislative aides to rally round and support MULAC in this laudable task.

According to Arrigassiyu, the passage of the Act at the Federal level will pave the way for states to pass the bill. He commended Lagos and Kaduna states for being in the forefront of pushing for passage of the bill at the state level. He also lauded MULAC's participatory budgeting work as well as its efforts to support civil society and government partnership to dialogue and agree on best practices for improving the living standards of the people.

The workshop was participatory and featured three major sessions, comprising paper presentations, group work and interactive sessions.

Media Rights Agenda (MRA)

The Pact Nigeria-funded Media Rights Agenda (MRA's) project, 'Advocacy on Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act' has three components. The first component is the production, printing and dissemination of simplified version of the Act and other Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials on the Act. These materials are meant to be widely distributed to Nigerians across the 6-geopolitical zones to enlighten the citizens on the Act and to get them to use it in an effort to, among other things, deepen Nigeria's democracy. The second component is media visitation to appreciate the media's support and continued assistance while encouraging media practitioners to promote the Act, use it to obtain information from public institutions and private

entities covered by the Act. The other component of their project is to monitor the implementation of the Act at the national level and engage in advocacy for the speedy passage of the law in Lagos state..

I. Advocacy Visit to the Lagos State House of Assembly

As part of the third objective of the MRA project, the organization paid an advocacy visit to the Lagos State House of Assembly for the passage of the Freedom of information Bill in Lagos State. The sixth Legislature in the Lagos State House of Assembly had taken the First and Second Readings and held a Public Hearing on the FOI Bill. The advocacy visit to the House was therefore to continue from where MRA had stopped with the last Assembly and to push for the bill to be passed by the current Assembly. At the house, the team met with Honorable Omisore, who was part of the information Committee, which collaborated with MRA during the tenure of the previous house. MRA had hoped in the past that Lagos State would set the pace by passing the bill. The MRA team nonetheless urged the Lagos House of Assembly to also pass the bill, reminding Hon Omisore of the promise by the State Governor, Babatunde Fashola, during a Town Hall Meeting, organized by the Newspaper Proprietors' Association of Nigeria (NPAN) on July 21, 2011 that Lagos State would pass the Freedom of Information bill into law. MRA's Mr. Denedo, pledged MRA's willingness to continue to work with the Lagos State House of Assembly to pass the bill in Lagos State.

II. Advocacy Visit to the Lagos State Media Houses

MRA believes that the Bill passed at the national level by the National Assembly and signed into Act/Law by President Goodluck Jonathan on May 28, 2011 will make a significant impact on the way the media reports if practitioners are enlightened on the enormous potentials of the Act and in addition, if they play their expected roles in the enlightenment, implementation and monitoring compliance of the provisions of the Act.

As part of efforts to partner with and solicit media support, MRA conducted advocacy visits to The Nation Newspaper; Radio Lagos/ Eko FM; NN24 TV; City FM Radio and Daily Independence. The visit was an opportunity for the media to enlighten Nigerians on the Act and to also encourage them to use it. They were also geared towards developing the capacity of media personnel on how they could use the Act for their work, especially in carrying out investigative reporting. Other objectives include training the media on the role they could play in the effective implementation of the Act; how they could educate and enlighten themselves on the provisions of the Act; how they could monitor the implementation of the Act, among others.

A phone- in radio program was also organized as a part of the media advocacy visits with NN24 TV channel, Lagos in Nigeria's former capital with quite a number of people calling in to find out how to operationalize the law. During these media visits, MRA took along a two-page media briefing and copies of three other materials, namely: copies of the printed FOI Act; copies of the printed IEC materials for the media - The Role of the Media in the Effective Implementation of the Freedom of Information Act; copies of a guide and template letter on how to make a freedom of information application.

These documents have also been uploaded on MRA websites: <http://www.mediarightsagenda.net> and <http://www.foicoalition.org>

Training at NN24 Cable TV Station on September 26

Following MRA's participation in a Talk Show, hosted by NN24 Cable TV, the media house solicited MRA's support in training their staff, a request which MRA immediately granted. The MRA delegation for the training was made up of Mr. Edetaen Ojo, Executive Director; Mr. Ayode Longe, Senior Programme Officer; and Miss Jennifer Onyejekwe, Programme Officer.



Participants at the MRA Cable station training in Lagos with MRA ED, Mr. Edet Ojo right in blue

A total of 26 members (14 females and 12 males) of the editorial unit of NN24 TV were consequently trained on modalities and benefits of using the FOI Act. The event was very interactive as the journalists sought to find out ways of overcoming perceived obstacles. Mr. Ojo told participants at the training that the Act requires every public institution to have a designated official to answer all questions from the public and process applications for information. This individual should be accessible at every point in time and his/her name, title and address should be published through various means, including on the organizations' websites, its notice board and other means, stressing that this information must be proactively publicized for everyone to know who to meet when making a request for information. The training also explored such grey areas as whether requests for information could be made through emails. Participants heard it was yet not clear if twitters and emails could be used for requesting for information.

MRA Chief Executive said it was not clear at the moment whether public institutions will accept email applications or applications sent through various other means. He said he hoped that with time, many of such issues in the implementation of the Nigerian Act would also become clearer.

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) programming is in the area of contributing to ensuring effective implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)/Act in Nigeria. Interestingly, Nigeria was the first African country to become a candidate country in the EITI process and also the first to enact a legislation (Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI) Act, 2007) to regulate it, but she only got validated as a compliant nation in March 2011 even though the agency established under that law, NEITI, has not live up to expectations in the implementation of the NEITI process. This is evidenced by the huge backlog of audit reports (2006 to date) and non-implementation of remediation actions outstanding from the concluded audit reports. One potent avenue to strengthen NEITI is through its oversight body i.e. the National Assembly. CISLAC's intervention strategy which seeks to strengthen the NEITI process through enhance legislative oversight is therefore apt. Through this intervention, CISLAC plans to enhance the capacity of the New Legislators to effectively intervene in the NEITI implementation processes through improved budgetary provisions to the NEITI Secretariat and effective oversight by an established legislative committee on NEITI in Nigeria to ensure timely completion and dissemination of Audit Reports and implementation of remediation actions.

CISLAC commenced the implementation of its project activities by commissioning a study to assess the progress and effectiveness of implementation of the NEITI Act and process, and to provide an overview of the successes, best practices and challenges. The findings of this assessment will be made as a special Report on the implementation of the NEITI Act and process, which will be prepared primarily for legislators. This is aimed at giving the

legislature and all other stakeholders an independent assessment of the process, and pointers to look out for in the main report. To further consolidate on the preparations for major upcoming project activities i.e. the capacity development for legislators at the National Assembly and advocacy visits to leadership of the national Assembly on need for a dedicated committee on NEITI, CISLAC produced one edition of its Newsletter to be used as an advocacy tool that will propel legislators to perform their roles and promote effective implementation for the overall good. The newsletter will also serve as a means of documentation of information on the NEITI process for future reference by activists, researchers, legislators and other stakeholders.

Centre for Leadership and Strategic Development (Centre LSD)

During the reporting period, Pact/ADVANCE's partner, Centre for Leadership and Strategic Development (Centre LSD) carried out some activities under their on-going project titled "Enhancing citizens' participation in the budgetary process in Bayelsa State". The activities are as follows: purpose of the workshop was geared towards monitoring and tracking the Bayelsa State 2011 Budget with a view to assessing the performance. Also the workshop was aimed at enhancing CSOs capacity in Bayelsa State to effectively participate in the state's budgetary process. The Centre will also continue to advocate for participatory, transparent and accountable budgetary process in Bayelsa State in 2012.

I. Project planning meeting:

The center commenced its program implementation by starting with project planning meeting, which took place on August 5 and 22, 2011 respectively at the Centre LSD office in Abuja. The implementing team comprising the Centre's Executive Director, Dr. Otiye Igbuzor, Project Co-Coordinator, Mr. Monday Osasah, Project Officer and Mrs. Lizzy Esu, Accounts/Finance Officer, went through the proposal and worked out modalities for meeting target, goals and objectives. Thereafter, an economist of repute, Dr. Uzo Amakom, was engaged to analyze three years' budgets of Bayelsa State, spanning 2007 to 2010. To ensure real focus on the deliverables, terms of reference were crafted to ensure that the analysis covered Millennium Development Goals (MDG) related sectors, such as education, health, Agriculture, water and women affairs.

II. One on One Advocacy visits to Some Line Ministries

As part of the objective of ensuring inclusive budgeting in Bayelsa, Centre LSD organized several meetings with key personnel of the different ministries –education and health as well as the budget office, in a bid to inform them about the project and solicit their support and cooperation in the implementation of the project. This activity will continue in the next quarter..

III. Participatory Budget Process Workshop

The Centre raised the level of advocacy by organizing a workshop on "Enhancing Citizens' Participation in the Budgetary Process in Bayelsa State." This event took place between September 4 and 7, 2011. The event, which lasted for two days had 34 participants (28male and 6 female) in attendance. The workshop featured several presentations such as the presentation on the Legislature and the Budgetary Process, the role of Assembly members in ensuring that the needs of their constituencies were reflected in the budget, advocating for Rights Based Budgeting as well as Civil Society and the Budgetary Process and the Media and Budgetary Process. Participants were taken through the challenges and best practices in working with coalitions and networks for accountable, transparent and inclusive budgeting. The workshop ended with a communiqué, which was widely disseminated. At the end of the meeting, Centre LSD continued its coordination meeting with members of the Bayelsa Non-Governmental Organization (BANGOF) to solicit their support and

input in project implementation. The meeting agreed on key issues to engage government as well as major projects to track. These are:

- There is the need for increased participation, transparent and accountable budgetary process in Bayelsa State.
- The Bayelsa State Government should increase budgetary allocation to Education, Health, Women Affairs, Agriculture and HIV/AIDS.
- The Bayelsa State Government should increase budgetary allocation to capital expenditure.
- The State House of Assembly should organize public hearing with good publicity before enacting the 2012 Appropriation Act.
- The Bayelsa State House of Assembly should strengthen its oversight functions and ensure value for money on the implementation of budget in Bayelsa State.
- Civil society organizations should network to advocate for rights based budgeting; citizens' participation in the budgetary process and increased allocation to the social sectors especially education and health.
- Civil Society organizations in Bayelsa State resolved to monitor and track Bayelsa State budget as well as expenditure with particular reference to education, health, agriculture and HIV/AIDS

Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ)

ANEEJ's project titled 'Enhancing transparency and accountability in resource management in Bayelsa State' targets key stakeholders to engage through capacity development, advocacy and awareness creation. These stakeholders include the following: the state government (the executive and legislative branches), oil and gas commissions, local government authorities, Niger Delta Development Commission, Civil Society Organizations and the media. ANEEJ commenced the implementation of its project activities during the quarter under review with a preparatory visit to Bayelsa State to finalize discussion with Bayelsa Non-Government Organizations Forum (BANGOF), a local CSO group that ANEEJ chose to work with in implementing the project activities given that ANEEJ is based in Edo State. The two parties thereafter signed a Memorandum of Understanding to govern their relationship in the implementation of project activities in Bayelsa State. ANNEJ's second major activity was a 2-day capacity building/staff retreat on managing for result and strategic planning. During the training, which aims to strengthen ANEEJ's internal capacity, the following subjects were discussed i.e. meaning and elements of strategic planning; monitoring and evaluation and the log-frame approach to M&E; meaning of result-based management; environmental scan and SWOT analysis; organization's effectiveness and performance management. At the end of the retreat and as a step towards producing a draft strategic plan, key elements of the plan were agreed on and a skeletal log frame was designed and scheduled for completion in due course.

ANEEJ's next major activity during the quarter under review was a 2-day Stakeholders' Consultative Forum in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State. This event brought together 39 participants (28 male and 11 female) drawn from various civil society groups including BANGOF, the media, Nigeria Bar Association, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities and the State Ministry of Justice. Participants reviewed the provisions of the FRL and PPL, assess its implementation and found that 2 years after its enactment, the required implementing organs are yet to be constituted i.e. Council on Public Procurement and Central Procurement Board, Fiscal Responsibility Commission and its Governing Board are yet to be constituted, a

situation that has hindered the implementation of both laws. Participants therefore drew up strategies and commit themselves to a roadmap for engagement with government to press for effective implementation of the laws in the State. The fourth major activity was advocacy visits on PIB. ANEEJ's team of 6 visited the NEITI Secretariat and Center for Leadership, Strategy and Development (CLSD). The key advocacy issue during these visits was the need for collaboration between ANEEJ and the organizations visited to ensure smooth and speedy passage of the PIB. During the period under review, ANEEJ also produced 2-sets of Advocacy packs for its advocacy activities on FRL/PPL and PIB.

Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD)

The Centre for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) commenced its programming in Bauchi State under the new sub-grant agreement with Pact/ADVANCE this quarter. The project focused on promoting transparent and accountable public expenditure management in Bauchi State through effective implementation of the State's PPL and FRL. The rationale for the intervention was anchored on the increasing expectation of the people that democratic government must deliver in the form of social provisioning by providing or creating the conditions for the provision of social amenities such as shelter, education, healthcare, water, energy, etc. CITAD's first project activity this quarter was training on budget literacy, advocacy and community mobilization for 23 CBO representatives (13 Males and 10 females) from Bauchi state. The event educated participants on the meaning of budget, the legal basis and procedure for drawing up budgets/budget cycle and stressed its importance as an instrument for planning for development. It highlighted key entry points for CSOs budget advocacy i.e. during budget articulation stage which further provides several entry points such as during budget call circular period, development of frameworks like Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), public hearing on the budget; community hall meetings; etc. The training also provided insights on strategies for community mobilization and advocacy skills, highlighting important ingredients of an effective advocacy such as well-articulated issue which conveys urgency, feasibility, and credibility as well as of benefit to the policy maker; as well as strategies for developing and setting community development agenda. At the end of the training an action plan for follow-up steps was developed and adopted.

CITAD's second major event was a training on Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Laws for 25 participants (15 males 10 females) from 20 CBO's drawn from Bauchi state to educate and acquaint the participants with the provisions of these laws and on how civil society could make the implementation of the laws more effective by monitoring their implementation. At the conclusion of this training, a loose coalition group was established to pursue the objectives of promoting transparency and accountability in the management of public expenditure of the state and developed a workplan for engagement with the government at state and local levels. A four-member steering committee was set up to work with CITAD to ensure that the coalition becomes an active and effective voice of CBOs on transparency and accountability in the state.

To broaden the scope of stakeholders engaging with the government on these policies, a similar training was organized for 15 (all males) media practitioners/journalists. The training, which was held on September 06 in Bauchi educated participating journalists on the content of the two laws and how journalists could assist in the monitoring of the implementation of the laws as well as collaborate with civil society groups in the state for the same purposes.

In addition, Community forums were also held in nine local governments and two advocacy visits were held during the period under review. The community forums sensitized participants on their right to participate in budget processes and facilitated the collation of community inputs to the 2012 state budget. The advocacy visits were made to the offices of the Due Processes Unit, responsible for the monitoring of compliance with the public Procurement Law and the Commissioner of Education, one of the key focal Ministries of the project. The visits sensitized the establishments on the need for appropriate implementation of the PPL and FRL.

National Procurement Watch Platform (NPWP)

National Procurement Watch Platform (NPWP) programming focus on strengthening the capacity of CSOs and the media on effective engagement in the implementation of Public Procurement Act in Nigeria. Following the resumption of constitutional democracy in Nigeria, the civil society increasingly sought for more opportunities to participate in public decision-making and their recent engagements focused largely on improving accountability and transparency in governance with emphasis on budget monitoring/tracking, public procurement monitoring and anti-corruption initiatives. These relentless efforts of the civil society to enthrone transparency, accountability and probity in public sector governance yielded many positive results including the enactment of the Public Procurement Act in 2007 which provided a rare opportunity for CSO's observation and monitoring of public procurement, pursuant to mandatory provisions in the Public Procurement Act. However, the law required participating CSOs to be accredited by the Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP), and up till date the number of CSOs accredited as procurement monitors is put at 37 which is grossly inadequate to man the over 800 MDAs.

NPWP program intervention thus seeks to entrench this opportunity provided by the public procurement law. As part of its project activities for the period under review, NPWP continued its partnering with the BPP to accredit more CSO monitors – this process is ongoing. Also to help the media to disseminate procurement information appropriately and create the needed public awareness, NPWP in partnership with BPP is developing a standard procurement reporting guide for journalists. These two major activities were preceded by advocacy visits to the BPP and to three media houses (News Agency of Nigeria, Daily Trust Newspapers and Leadership Newspapers) to acquaint them with the project rationale and activities. Highlights of the outcome of the visits include the following: the BPP indicated its willingness to continue its partnership with NPWP to accredit more procurement monitors and observers but would conduct a re-evaluation of already accredited organization increase awareness on public procurement by public institutions; increase partnership with media houses, and commitment from the media houses to draft their staff to be trained on investigative journalism in public procurement reporting.

Public Private Development Centre (PPDC)

Public Private Development Centre (PPDC) commenced programming on `` Sustained CSO Participation in Public Procurement Act Implementation in Nigeria (II)'' .In the last two years, PPDC had ensured that stakeholders in the procurement process, especially CSOs had access to regular updates of procurement activity within Nigeria and from other parts of the world. The dissemination of procurement news is carried out through an online mailing list, where regular updates are shared. This activity continued this quarter under review.. Another

area of programming for PPDC under the Pact ADVANCE project is the current assessment of levels of implementation of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2007. To this end, PPDC selected a consultant to lead the assessment with technical and administrative support from PPDC. It produced terms of reference for the desk research and field work. The consultant was given criteria for assessing the ministries so as to be able to categorize the Ministries, Department and Agencies according to the nature of their businesses and size of budgets.

Data Collection, Analysis and Advocacy Visits In an effort to anchor the monitoring of the public procurement process by CSOs, the PPDC produced a draft template, to be shared with the MDAs to obtain their input and get their buy-in into the process. To do this effectively, the PPDC took a lead in organizing other CSOs to pay advocacy visits to two key MDA related ministries, (Education and Health) this quarter to intimate them of the plan and to solicit their support. Members of the National Procurement Watch Platform (NPWP) and the Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN) were part of the advocacy visits, which took place between September 22 and 26, 2011.

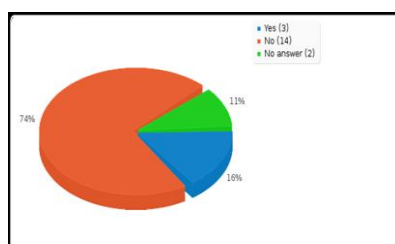
During the advocacy visits, key staff of the ministries provided guidelines on how best to improve collaboration between the ministries and CSOs to make the procurement process more transparent. Meanwhile, whilst some of the procurement officers in the ministry indicated their willingness to collaborate with CSOs to make the procurement process more transparent, it was clear that quite a number of others believed that they were still bound by the oath of official secrecy. This stand was still being tenaciously held on to by a few civil servants in spite of the general acceptance by legal practitioners that in areas where the Official Secrets Act may conflict with the country's Freedom of Information Act 2011, as a newer legislation, the Freedom of Information Act 2011 will take precedence. The adamant position taken by such public officials makes it mandatory for PPDC to raise the level of its advocacy to include high ranking ministry officials to resolve the confusion.

I. Support to Procurement Monitoring Activities

In this quarter too, PPDC submitted 41 procurement reports in the month of September alone, which it posted to its portal. It has, therefore, through the National Procurement Watch Platform (NPWP), continued to use the procurement reports for advocacy to the Bureau of Public Procurement. In addition, from the procurement observation submissions and subsequent analysis, it was clear that there is now an increase in invitations to CSOs to witness bid openings; MDAs would normally provide access to information such as advertisement and attendance sheets; letters to MDAs requesting for procurement information are generally not honoured.; a few ministries will respond to letters of intent, however, the information is usually never gotten.

Of the agencies sampled, the National Automotive Council appears to be the most transparent. Procurement plans, source of funding, prequalification documents, advertisements, standard bidding documents are usually made available to the observers. Two MDG related ministries, namely Federal Ministry of health and Federal Ministry of Education, have relatively transparent bid opening processes. However, access to procurement information after the bid opening at the Federal Ministry of Health and Federal Ministry of Education are usually not honored. Some other findings include the fact that Many ministries provide multiple channels for advertisements such as notice boards, newspapers, tenders journals; names of successful pre-qualified contractors/bidders/consultants are posted on notice boards; a single procurement process ranges between 6 weeks and 4 months while the

BPP has enhanced access to procurement information by providing procurement plans, notifications and details on awards of contracts.



Results indicate that of the 19 procurement processes sampled, 17 sent out letters of invitation to observers, it was not clear if one did but the one who did not, put an open invitation in the papers for CSOs to participate in the process. Meanwhile, CSOs have acknowledged that the bureau had improved access to procurement information by making procurement plans readily available. However, a printed

Percentage of CSOs that received letters of invitation to observe procurement processes in various ministries

copy of the procurement plan on an A3 sheet indicates that it is laborious to read. Moreover, it is not indexed so projects cannot be easily traced. If the procurement plans are made available in a way that is easily navigable, then the MDAs will not even be disturbed for procurement plans anymore.

Objective 3: Strengthened public-private (CSO) partnerships to fight corruption through public oversight agencies and initiatives

Publish What You Pay (PWYP)

NEITI, a subset of the global EITI conducted the first audit of the oil industry after more than 46 years of operations, covering financial transactions, physical operations and decision making (contracting) processes. Nigeria also became the first implementing country to institute a law to protect and guarantee implementation of NEITI with the passage of the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative law (NEITI Act 2007). The first five year audit (1999-2004), second audit (2005) and the third audit (2006-2008) which though was perceived by wide groups of civil society transparency activists as a means to win validation, received wide applause but Nigeria has not been able to implement many key remedial actions in all the reports.. PWYP intervention is therefore designed to address the issue of non-implementation of the recommendations in the NEITI audit reports in Nigeria.

PWYP commenced the implementation of its project activities this quarter. Two key activities were undertaken, namely; - a quarterly meeting/advocacy visit to NEITI Secretariat; and 2-day training for 13 CSOs on negotiation and advocacy skills. During the advocacy visits which was held on September 14th, 2011 PWYP engaged NEITI on the implementation of recommendations contained in the first and second Audit Reports as well as the release of the third Audit Report i.e. 2006-2008 Audit Report. The PWYP Team consists of 11 CSO members (of PWYP) and 7 media representatives. The PWYP team was received by NEITI's Director of Communications, Mr. Orji O. Orji on behalf of the Executive Secretary of NEITI. Other NEITI staff in attendance include: Mr. Tariye George, Director of Technical and Ms Obiageli Onuoral, from NEITI CSOs Unit. During the Advocacy Visit, PWYP raised the following key issues: follow-up on about \$5billion un-reconciled revenue receipt by the Federal Government uncovered in the NEITI 2005 Audit Report; the release of NEITI 2006-2008 Audit Report; update on report of NEITI to the National Assembly regarding Section 14

of the NEITI Act and the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB); progress report on the remediation committee's work; and update on scoping study on the solid mineral sector. In response, NEITI, commit itself to the following: follow up on the issues raised by the PWYP Team; willingness to collaborate closely with PWYP: extended an open invitation to PWYP to be attending the monthly meeting of NEITI technical department; invited PWYP to witness NEITI's forthcoming bid opening pursuant to current procurement exercise; follow-up on the status of the missing \$5b, attributing such a huge shortfall to discrepancies between the CBN's record and that of the oil companies. The visit also provided a learning opportunity for NEITI on the submission of activity reports to the National Assembly which they hitherto had no knowledge of.

The 2-day training on negotiation and advocacy skills that was held in Abuja on September 14 brought together 13 participants (8 males and 5 females) drawn from PWYP member CSOs from the six geo-political zones of Nigeria who were selected based on their active participation on extractive industry issues. The participants were educated on the meaning, types, reasons and skills required for effective advocacy. The sessions also looked at message development and channels of communication.

Centre for Public Private Corporation (CPPC)

The Centre for Public Private Corporation, (CPPC) Ibadan during his quarter focused on Analyzing the 2006-2008 NEITI Oil and Gas Audit. In line with the proposed action stipulated in the proposal, CPPC on August 17th, 2011 conducted an advocacy visit to the Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (NEITI office in Abuja). During the visit, the CPPC team, comprising CPPC's Program Coordinator, Dr. Abiodun Folawewo, and Programme Officer, Ms. Kenny Williams paid an advocacy visit to the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (NEITI) in Abuja. The scheduled meeting was held with NEITI's Director of Communications, Mr. Orji Ogbonaiya-Orji, alongside Obiageli Onurah and Lameed Kazeem both of the NEITI Communications Department. They received the CPPC team on behalf of the organization.

The primary objective of the visit was to build a network and relationship with the relevant agencies, and to ensure their active participation in the project. More importantly, the visit was also to help facilitate the collection of information on the specific roles played and activities of the relevant agencies in the 2006-2008 audit process.

During the visit, CPPC Program Coordinator, Dr. Abiodun Folawewo, told the NEITI team that the organization had just secured a grant from Pact Nigeria/ADVANCE and that the team was desirous of obtaining the latest NEITI audit report so as to analyze simplify and widely disseminate same. In his response, Mr. Orji confirmed that the said audit had been concluded, revealing however that some of the key players had disagreed with some of the findings. As a result, more time and opportunity had been offered to the contenders to provide evidence for a possible amendment. He promised to share the said audit report as soon as the Presidency approved its release.

C. Problems and Opportunities

Partner and Programmatic Challenges

During the quarter under review Pact Partners encountered various challenges which are listed below

- Many of the stakeholders engaged in Bayelsa State were pessimistic at the onset about the success of the project given the notoriety of the State Governor's intolerant disposition to criticisms and oppositions (using Operation T – a police extra judicial squad- now disbanded), but the awareness created and discussions generated at the stakeholders' forum on implementation of the FRL and PPL to a large extent allayed their fears and resulted to a positive change in stakeholders' disposition to the project evidenced by a strong resolve to implement the road map developed at the forum.
- Civil society organizations in Bauchi state lacked adequate capacity for engaging government on a sustained basis on Fiscal responsibility and public procurement but this being addressed by providing necessary capacity building trainings to the target CSOs under the project.
- Delay by some partners in responding to comments in their proposals led to late finalization of their proposals and subsequent delay in making their subgrants awards.
- The Ramadan fast during the quarter also led to late commencement and slow implementation of some of the activities of one of the partners but this was quickly addressed immediately after the Ramadan.
- Delay by some partners in requesting for funds resulted in late disbursement of funds, which also resulted late commencement of their project activities.
- At the beginning, it was a struggle to get CSOs invited to the public procurement bidding processes being organized by the MDAs but this was later overcome.
- The fact that the procurement plans uploaded on the website of the Bureau for Public Procurements by the Bureau are not indexed or catalogued makes it extremely difficult to navigate through. Even when printed on A3 sheets, the procurement plans are difficult to read.
- Programming for the first time in oil rich Bayelsa State, where most transactions are carried out using cash was initially very challenging to one of the partners by insistence on paying vendors through cheque in compliance with terms and conditions of the grant but with patience, dialogue and persistence, this challenge later turned to a success story as the same vendors, willingly accept cheques from credible customers.
- Delay in the publication of the 2006-2008 Oil and Gas Audit report by NEITI for public consumption and use remains a problem to one of the partners that needs the report for analysis.
- The Long recess by the National Assembly (NASS), delay in constituting the NASS Committees, Security challenges in the NASS, and the change in the National Assembly calendar all affected so partner planned advocacy visits to relevant Legislative Committees.

Administration and Management Challenges

- The delay from the partner CSOs in responding to the key issues raised in their project proposals resulted in delay in finalizing their proposals and subsequent late issuance of subgrants awards most especially to the 5 PIND partners.
- Arising from the above, there may be the possibility that some or all of the PIND partners may not complete their project activities as at the end of February 2012. If this happens, there will be the need to grant them “No Cost Extension” to enable them complete their projects. This will in turn necessitate the need for a “No Cost Extension” too for the ADVANCE program beyond the end date of March 31, 2012.

Partner and Programmatic Opportunities

- The grant award to Centre LSD provided the opportunity for transparency work in oil rich Bayelsa State. With this, it was possible for the center to commission an analysis of the state’s budget between 2007 and 2010 and the discovery of quite a number of anomalies has generated a lot of hues and cries and criticism of government public finance expenditure pattern. The government could not withstand the pressure and had to negotiate with budget activists in the state to make the process more inclusive. The result has been a revamped budget network in that state as well as a more inclusive budgetary system. It is expected that the space created would be further expanded for engagement between CSOs and government for the benefit of the people. Also, the engagement with the PIND process has provided a window of opportunity to develop the capacity of grassroots CSOs with a view to supporting them to effectively engage with and partner with government to improve the living standard of the oil rich Niger/Delta populace.

Administration and Management Opportunities

- Pact/ADVANCE continued to reap the expected benefits of sharing facilities, logistics and staff time, as well as potentially co-planning activities with the Community REACH HIV/AIDS program and the LEAD local governance program. This has been a recurring situation in the ADVANCE team.
- The Pact Country strategy planning retreat was a good example where resources, personnel and facilities were put together and collaboration was seen at its peak.

D. Activity Changes and Explanations

- Some Partner activities did not hold for some security reasons. Five community forums could not hold due to insecurity problems in the affected local Govt. However, plans have been concluded to carry the activities out in early October.
- The Long recess by the National Assembly (NASS), delay in constituting the NASS Committees, Security challenges in the NASS, and the change in the National Assembly calendar all affected Partner planned Advocacy Visits to relevant Legislative Committees. But the affected activities have been reprogrammed for next quarter.

Lessons Learned

- There was a great lesson learnt in the unity of CSOs in Bayelsa State under the Bayelsa Association of Non-Governmental Organization Forum (BANGOF). With such unity among CSOs, they will be able to achieve a lot in community development.
- The odds against passage of PIB are mainly external as a number of multinational oil companies and their home governments interested in sustaining the status quo have increased strong opposition to the Bill. Only patriotism on the part of Nigerian law makers, Civil Society and executive arm of government can guarantee the passage of the PIB.
- Although the Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Laws have been enacted in some states, there is very little capacity for the implementation of the laws within the state government service. This was confirmed to one of the ADVANCE partners during the advocacy visit at the Office of the Due processes Unit, when the office solicited the assistance of Pact/ADVANCE and the partner to train some of their staff; an additional evidence is contained in the report of the Technical Implementation Committee appointed by the State Government, which made observation about capacity gaps within the state civil service for the implementation of the two laws.
- There is a huge gap between the general perception that Bauchi State has both state-level public Procurement law and Fiscal Responsibility Law and the actual implementation of the laws. Much needs to be done in order to implement the laws. In fact an immediate and urgent need is the legislative review of the laws to remove references to sections that do not exist in the laws and other problems identified by the Government appointed technical Committee on the Implementation of the Laws.
- RTI/LEAD has produced a manual on the Bauchi State Public Procurement and Fiscal Responsibility Laws for use by local government officials. Pact ADVANCE partner implementing in the state was able to get these and reproduced it for the participants which provide them with simple explanation on the laws. This was very useful because majority of the participants including the journalists had no previous knowledge about these laws. Getting the copies was one instance of creating synergy across projects.
- BPP and the Media are willing to work with CSOs on increasing advocacy, engagement and level of transparency in the procurement process. Capacity Building on Investigative Journalism is not a frequent occurrence, thus media houses look forward to it to strengthen the capacity of their reporter/journalists.
- The NEITI Secretariat was further educated by PWYP during the latter's Advocacy visit on NEITI reporting requirements to National Assembly. That is 2 sets of report are to be submitted to the national Assembly, one on NEITI's activities and the other is the yearly audit report. The advocacy visit raised the issue of missing \$5billion oil revenue, and this resulted in chain reactions from key government establishments involved in the process and has thus generated public debate on the issue. Hopefully the funds will be recovered for public use. This underscores the value of advocacy on critical public issues.

Success Stories/Quarter Achievements

- ANEEJ's intervention under this project created awareness on the existence of the Bayelsa State Public Procurement Law and Fiscal Responsibility Law. Before the stakeholders' forum, most stakeholders were not aware of the existence of the PPL and FRL nor its content.
- There were a lot of Media reports calling on the Governor of Bayelsa State, Timipreya Silva, to implement the anti-graft laws by setting up the organs needed to activate the process of implementing the laws.
- ANEEJ has successfully secured the buy-in of stakeholders in Bayelsa State and their commitment to implementation of the project activities aimed at holding the state government to the standards of transparency and accountability in the management of the Bayelsa state resources. Both the Chairman of the Due Process Unit, the body responsible for the implementation of the PPL and its Deputy came to the training for journalists. They were pleased and express gratitude to CITAD for complementing the work of the Unit. Consequently they agreed to receive CITAD's Team on an advocacy visit. During the advocacy visit, the Unit gave us an advanced copy of the report of the Technical Committee set up by the Governor to plan the implementation of the two laws. This document is very critical to the implementation of the laws and has outlined specific targets for advocacy in order to get the government to fully implement the laws. The document is an invaluable assistance for our advocacy efforts. They also agreed to work with civil society groups and promised to seek CITAD's assistance in terms of accrediting civil society organizations for the monitoring of the procurement processes in the state.
- Usually it is difficult to get women to attend civil society training programs in Bauchi state. However on the occasion of the CBO trainings on Budget Literacy and Public Procurement/Fiscal Responsibility, there were more women among the CBO representatives. This holds promise of possibly getting women in particular to be included into the budget processes in the state.
- One of the unexpected outcomes of the training for the journalists in Bauchi state was the formation of the Journalists Working Groups on the Implementation of the Public Procurement Law. This was a spontaneous response from the participants that there was need for journalists not only to cover and monitor the implementation of the PP and FR laws but also to join the campaign for the effective implementation of the laws. Consequently they decided to borrow from a previous experiment with the campaign for immunization during which journalists in the state formed a working group which was very effective in the effort to convince parents to accept immunization for their children. At the end of the training a four-member steering committee was set up to work out details about how the working Groups would carry out its activities in line with the project objectives. One of the participants, Haruna Yusuf of Bauchi Radio Corporation said "Thank you for this opportunity. I am assuring you that I am ever ready to work with you in the development and progress of Bauchi State". In the same way at the end of the training for CBOs, a coalition the Bauchi Coalition for Improvement of Public Expenditure Management (BACIPEM) was established. One of the participants at that training, Muhammad Musa of KUDEFo had this to say: "The workshop opened my eyes on my role as a CBO member and activist. I got a starting point and promise to continue".
- Advocacy visit to BPP by the National Procurement Watch Platform secured the disposition of the BPP to continue to work with the platform in the implementation of

the PP Act. Equally, Media Houses were very receptive to the NPWP advocacy team and expressed their willingness to be part of its projects.

- The NPWP is being invited to observe procurement processes: the Bureau of Public Procurement and National Broadcasting Corporation extended the invitation after the visits to the two establishments. Participants at the training on negotiation and advocacy skills stepped down the training and have thus strengthen the capacity of their respective organizations.
- The sustained advocacy engagements of PWYP Nigeria through the support of Pact/ADVANCE, particularly the last advocacy visit of September 14, 2011 has resulted in NEITI taken a bold step towards probing the \$5b un-reconciled revenue as published in <http://www.thisdayonline.com/> of September 20, 2011, entitled Oil Audit: NEITI to Probe Status of Un-reconciled \$5bn Revenue. NEITI disclosed in the report that it would commence probe into the status of the complaint lodged by a group of Civil Society Organisation (CSOs) on the about \$4.92billion un-reconciled revenue receipts by the Federal Government, which was noticed in its 2005 audit of Nigeria's oil and gas industry. This is with a view to set the record straight. One of the agencies of government that reacted was the National Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC) – this is contained in This Day Newspaper for Tuesday September 20th, 2011 and Vanguard on the 24th September, 2011.

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

A. Partner Activities

Organization	Partners Activities Planned for October-December 2011 (1 st Quarter FY 2012)
MULAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MULAC sensitization of middle level journalists in Kaduna State to empower them to join the coalition working for passage of FOI bill in that state • Advocacy to Kaduna State Assembly to elicit their support for MULAC's efforts to pass FOI bill in Kaduna State
MRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRA's distribution of simplified version of FOI Act • MRA's continued advocacy to media and Lagos State Assembly to support passage of FOI bill in that state • MRA's uploading of electronic software to ease access of FOI Act • MRA's monitoring of use and responding to enquiries from the use of the mobile phone application on FOI
CPPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of audited NEITI report by our CPPC partner • Dissemination of simplified NEITI audit report to encourage CSOs to engage with the process
Center LSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio phone in program by our Centre LSD partners to garner support for increased CSO participation in the budgetary process in oil rich Bayelsa State • Centre LSD's One-on One and targeted advocacy to policy makers to expand civil society participation in budgeting in Bayelsa
PPDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPDC's anchoring and facilitation of CSO engagement with MDAs to make procurement process more transparent at the national level • PPDC's creation of guidelines for access to procurement information • PPD C's continuous delivery of news on Public Procurement

ANEEJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Advocacy visits to Bayelsa State (on PPL & FRL) • 3 Advocacy visits on PIB in Abuja • 1-day Policy Dialogue on PIB in Abuja Administration
CITAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding First Round Community Meetings • Community Baseline Input Generation Meetings • Training of 20 CBO representatives on the use of new media for reporting • Partnership Building Dialogue • Advocacy Visits
CISLAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the Implementation of NEITI Act and Process as well as production of Special Report on the Assessment for Legislators • Advocacy Visits to relevant Legislative Committees • Media Interaction • Production of Newsletter
NPWP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validation of Standard Procurement Reporting Guide • Capacity Building
PWYP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy visit to Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) in October (Abuja) • Advocacy Visit to Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation NNPC in October (Abuja) • a 2-day capacity development for 36 member organizations on oil and gas revenue tracking / annual general meeting (AGM) of PWYP in November (Lagos) • Advocacy visit to Department of Petroleum Resources DPR in Lagos • Advocacy visit to National Assembly (NASS), Pact Nigeria, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)

B. Pact Activities.

- Commence implementation of capacity development plans for the ADVANCE/PIND partner
- OCA for ADVANCE/PIND Partners
- Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting training for ADVANCE/PIND partner
- Ongoing monitoring and mentoring of all existing and new partners, on the implementation of their new projects to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of their subgrants award and attainment of projects' goals and objectives and to also ensure quality delivery
- Advocacy skills and planning workshop for ADVANCE/PIND Partners.

C. Subgrant Management

- Support existing partner CSOs through fund disbursements, oversight and mentoring.
- Continue reconciliations and closeout of completed projects.
- Possible modification of partners' subgrant agreements as the need arises.
- Commence arrangements for the entire closeout of the ADVANCE program.

No	Ind. Referen ce #	Indicator	Target for FY 11	Cumulative Result for 1st Quarter FY 11	2nd Quarter Result	Cumulative Result for 2nd Quarter FY 11	3rd Quarter Result	Cumulative Result for 3rd Quarter FY 11	4th Quarter Result	Cumulative Result for 4th Quarter FY 11
1		Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) representing marginalized group(s) engaging with government	W=25 Y=13 I=19 D=8 Total= 65	W = 9 Y=5 I=0 D=0 Total = 14	W=2 Y=1 I=1 Total = 4	W=11 Y=6 I=1 D=0 Total = 18	W=19 Y=34 I=5 D=2 Total= 60	W=30 Y=40 I=6 D=2 Total= 78	W=17 Y= 24 I=12 D=4 Total= 57	W= 47 Y=64 I=18 D=6 Total= 135
2	S11.1	Women-focused CSOs supported by USG assistance to engage in advocacy and/or promote democratic participation	25	9	0	9	19	28	20	48
5	GJD 4.1.3	Number of CSO advocacy campaigns supported by USG	75	23	11	34	76	110	5	115
7	GJD 4.1.8	Number of USG Assisted Civil Society Organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions	30	50	0	50	199	249	74	323
9		Number of people trained (disaggregated by gender)	M=300 F=200 Total = 500	M=46 F=37 Total= 83	M=445 F=221 Total= 666	M=491 F=258 Total = 749	M=22 F=37 Total = 59	M=513 F=295 Tota= 808	M=181 F=73 Total = 254	M=682 F=354 Tota= 1062
12		Increased Civil Society Participation in Budgetary Processes	State= 8 Nat= 0	10	0	10	0	10	1	11
13	S11.2.1	Increased Civil Society Participation in NEITI implementation	9	8	0	8	0	8	4	12
14	GJD 4.1.2	Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG assistance to improve internal organizational capacity	50	9	9	18	0	18	33	51